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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment and consideration of the remarks below. Applicants submit this in timely response to the Office Action of August 31, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.